

Financial Management winners announced

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON, AFB, Ohio — Phillip L. Mitchell has taken top honors as Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year in the FY2000 AFRL/FM Annual awards. Nominees in eleven categories were judged based upon mission performance. All award winners were announced on November 21. Selected finalists will compete at the Command level.

“This year’s winners exemplify the professionalism and consistently outstanding support provided by AFRL Comptroller personnel,” said Ron Runkel, Director of AFRL Financial Management. The awards program was established to recognize outstanding performers across AFRL’s ten Technology Directorates.

Mitchell, Chief of the Financial Management Division, Air Vehicles, successfully controlled support costs by increasing funding for direct project efforts by 320 percent. His efforts led to long-term technology increases and improvements, directly benefiting both present and future warfighters.

Hilda F. Loy, AFRL/MNF, was named the Financial Analysis Officer of the Year. Loy provided outstanding financial management support for the Advanced Development programs. Her knowledge of the programs status and rapport with program managers were key factors in ensuring that program funds were allocated.

Acquisition Cost Analyst of the Year honors went to Marie Ely, AFRL/MNF. Ely provided superb cost analysis support for the MN Directorate. She was responsible for cost/schedule, cost estimating, and cost analysis for programs valued at over \$102 million.

AFRL/VSF received the award for Financial Management and Comptroller Organization of the Year. The team comprised of 29 professionals were commended for executing a mission statement based on five key elements: advise on financial legality; receive, control and distribute funds; oversee/facilitate funds execution; analyze infrastructure costs; and oversee the Management Control Program for the entire directorate.

The award for Special Acts and Services was presented to AFRL/DEF Job Order Cost Accounting Branch System. The team produced vast leaps in quality service to Directed Energy and Space Vehicles Directorates by executing critical tasks during unexpected, lengthy, and varied personnel shortages.

1st Lt. Tracy Bell, AFRL/VAF, received recognition for Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller. Bell unearthed 16 percent overhead cost savings, resulting in a six year \$110 million reallocation of technology funding.

Patricia A. Swartz, AFRL/MNF, was named as the AFRL Budget Assistant of the Year. Swartz provided outstanding financial support for the directorate’s 6.2 technology programs and operating budget, totaling \$40 million dollars per year.

The Trainee of the Year award was presented to Carla J. Canales in AFRL/VAF. Canales expertly manages the \$15 million FY00 6.2 budget for the Structures Division of the Air Vehicles Directorate.

Eric Talley, AFRL/PRF, received the award for Professional Support. Talley performed a review and reconciliation of over 400 contractual documents in the Mechanization of Contract Accounting System and the official Accounting and Finance records.

Joanne L. Rossi, AFRL/IFF, was presented with the award for Financial Services Civilian (GS11 and above). Rossi was instrumental in the initial database testing for the Job Order Cost Accounting System. Her dedication ensured a seamless transition to Graphical User Interface.

Linda Spado, AFRL/IFF, was awarded as the Financial Services Civilian (GS10 and below). Spado displayed exceptional knowledge and understanding of reimbursement flow. Her skills in customer service provided quality and timely responses. @

